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Evaluation and Assessment of the Growth of population in the Country

@1386. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN :

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any evaluation and assessment of the growth of population in India; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have proposed to take to tackle this serious problem ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An Action Plan drawn up by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has been endorsed by the State Ministers of Health & Family Welfare in January, 1992. The States have been requested to operationalise the Action Plan.

The NDC Committee on Population was established inter alia, to identify intervention strategies for population control both at the micro and macro levels. The Committee has submitted its report.

Special efforts to promote Information, Education and Communication to motivate acceptors for Family Planning are being undertaken. A National consensus is sought to be built on the adoption of a small family norm.

@Previously unstarred question 724, transferred from 26th Nov. 1992.

Setting up of Medical College in Arunachal Pradesh

1387. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh to set up medical college in the State either by Government or by private sector; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Population Having T.B. Infection in the Country

1388. SHRI MD. SALIM : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that about 40 per cent of the country's population (320 million people) is estimated to have T.B. infection;

(b) if so, in spite of such a grave situation, why the Government have failed to create awareness among the people and to take urgent steps to arrest the situation; and

(c) how much poverty-linked population is affected by this disease ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Based on the 1991 Census the estimated number of TB